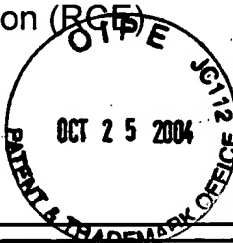


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First Named Inventor	Janet A. Warrington, et al.
Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Diana B. Johannsen
Attorney Docket Number	03848-00093

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 24, 2004 and the Interview with the Examiner on October 7, 2004. Kindly reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments** to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.